Rice is grown in the Indo-Gangetic Plains beneath the foothills of Himalayas. Punjab, Haryana, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh (Western) are the major Basmati Rice growing States. Bihar is not in the identified States for growing Basmati Rice.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Bihar does not produce Basmati Rice having defined standard characterstics.

Drought Assistance Norms

1356. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for determining quantum of assistance, in terms of cash and crop, to be released to a State/Union Territory under grip of severe drought;

(b) whether it is a fact that different states reeling under identical adverse climatic conditions of same intensity, receive varying, degrees of assistance, even where they are contiguous and face same ire of the nature; if so, the data for the last three years;

(c) whether Government propose to draw a suitable uniform guidelines for releasing Central assistance to States/UTs affected by natural calamities; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The allocation of assistance for drought relief has been made in accordance with prescribed norms/scales (copy enclosed) in the statement (*see* below). The variation between States is on account of differences in such factors as area sown and unsown, number of cattle affected, number of water tankers required etc.

Statement

Revised List of items and Norms of Expenditure for Assistance from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for the period 2000-2005. (MHA letter No. 32-3/2003-NDM.I dated the April 23, 2003)

Sl. No.	Items	Norms of Expenditure for Assistance from CRF and NCCF
1.	Gratuitous Relief	
	(a) Ex-Gratia payment to families of deceased persons	Rs. 50,000/- per deceased.
2.	(b) Ex-Gratia payment for loss of a limb or eyes.	Rs. 25,000/- per person. (The Gratuitous relief for loss of limb etc., should be extended only when the disability is more than 40% and certified by a Govt. doctor or doctors from panel approved by the Govt.
	(c) Grievous injury requiring hospitalization for more than a week	Rs. 5000/- per person
	(d) Relief for the old, infirm and destitute, children.	Rs. 20/- per adult, Rs. 10/- per child, per day
	(e) Clothing and utensils for families whose house have been washed away/fully destroyed due to a natural calamity.	Rs. 500/- for clothing and Rs. 500/- for utensils per family.
2.	Supplementary Nutrition.	Rs. 1.05 per day per head as per ICDS norms
3.	Assistance to small and marginal farmers for-	
	(a) Desilting etc. (b) Removal of debris in hill areas & (c) Desilting/Restoration/Repair of fish farms	25% and 33-1/3% to small farmers and marginal farmers respectively on the basis of NABARD pattern subject to ceiling of Rs. 5,000/- per hectare.
	(d) Agriculture input subsidy where crop loss was 50% and above.	
	(I) For agriculture crops, horticulture crops and annual plantation crops	Rainfed areas Rs. 1000/- per hectare Rs. 2500/- per hectare in area with assured irrigation
	(II) Perennial crops	Rs. 4,000/- per hectare
	(III) Assistance to sericulture farmers	Rs. 2000/- Per hactare for muga Rs. 1500/- Per hectare for Eri and Mulberry

Sl. No.	Items	Norms of Expenditure for Assistance from CRF and NCCF
	(e) Loss of substantial portion of land caused by landslide, avalanche, change of course of rivers.	Rs. 10,000/- per hectare
4.	Employment Generation (Only to meet additional requirements after taking into account, funds available under Plan Schemes, Viz., JRY, IJRY, EAS, etc.)	As per Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana (SGRY) norms
5.	Animal Husbandary Assistance to small and marginal farmers/agricultural labourers	
	(a) For replacement of drought animals, milch animals or animals for haulage or for livelihood.	As per pattern of subsidy under Swarjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana for small and marginal farmers.
	(b) For provision of fodder/fodder concentrate	Large animals-Rs. 12.00 per day, Small animals-Rs. 6.00 per day
	(c) Procurement, storage and movement of fodder	To be assessed by NCCM
	(d) Movement of useful cattle to to other areas	To be assessed by the NCCM for NCCF/by State level Committee for CRF
6.	Assistance to Fishermen	
	(a) For repair/replacement of boats, nets and damaged or lost	Subsidy will be provided other equipments subject to ceilings on subsidy per family as per SGSY pattern.
	- Boat - Dugout - Canoe - Catamaran - Nets	The cost of boats will also be determined with reference to approved cost under SGSY
	(b) Input subsidy for fish seed farm	Rs. 2,000/- per hactare
7.	Assistance to artisans in handicrafts sector by way of subsidy for repair/ replacement of damaged equipments	
	(a) Traditional Crafts	
	(i) For damaged equipments	Rs. 1,000/- per person
	(ii) For raw material	Rs. 1,000/- per person

Sl. No.	Items	Norms of Expenditure for Assistance from CRF and NCCF
	(b) For handloom Weavers	
	(i) Repairs/replacement of loom equipments and accessories	Rs. 1,000/- per loom
	(ii) Purchase of yarn and other materials	Rs. 1,000/- per loom
8.	Assistance for repair/restoration of damaged houses	
	(a) Fully damaged houses	
	(i) Pucca House	Rs. 10,000/- per house
	(ii) Kuchha House	Rs. 6,000/- per house
	(b) Severely damaged houses	
	(i) Pucca House	Rs. 2,000/- per house
	(ii) Kuchha House	Rs. 1,200/- per house.
	(c) Marginally Damaged Houses	Rs. 800/- per house
9.	Emergency supply of drinking water in rural areas and transportation of drinking water in urban areas	To be assessed by NCCM./Team for NCCF/by state level committee for CRF
10.	Provision of medicines, disinfectants, insecticides for prevention of out-break of epidemics	-do-
11.	Medical care for cattle and poultry against epidemics	-do-
12.	Evacuation of people affected/likely to be affected	-do-
13.	Hiring of boats for carrying immediate relief & saving life	-do-
14.	Provision for temporary accommo-dation, food, clothing, medical care etc. of people affected/ evacuated	-do-
15.	Air dropping of essential supplies	-do-
16.	Repair/restoration of immediate nature of the damaged infrastructure relating to communication, power, public health, drinking water supply, primary education and community owned assets in the social sector.	-do-

Sl. No.	Items	Norms of Expenditure for Assistance from CRF and NCCF
17.	Replacement of damaged medical equipments and lost medicines of Govt. hospitals/health centres	-do-
18.	Operational cost (Of POL only) for Ambulance Service, Mobile Medical Teams and temporary dispensaries.	-do-
19.	Cost of clearance of debris	-do-
20.	Draining off flood water in affected areas	-do-
21.	Cost of search and rescue measures	-do-
22.	Disposal of dead bodies/carcasses	-do-
23.	Training to specialist multi disciplinary groups/teams of the State personnel drawn from different cadres/services	Expenditure to be met from CRF
24.	Procurement of essential search, rescue and evacuation equipments including communication equipments subject to a ceiling of 10% of the CRF allocation of the year	To be assessed by the State Level Committee for CRF
25.	Installation of public utility 4 digit code telephone (calls not metered):	Expenditure to be met from CRF

NCCM - National Centre for Calamity Management
NCCF - National Calamity Contingency Fund
POL - Petrol, Oil and Lubricants

Quality of milk at Mother Dairy

1357. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the quality of Milk supplied by Mother Dairy sold to the public through its outlets has sharply declined;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the quality of milk of various specifications sold by it?